



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5694

LCO No. 2344

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING A PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ABOUT
THE RIGHTS OF CRIME VICTIMS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2002*) (a) There shall be a state-
2 wide public awareness campaign to educate, inform and identify
3 resources for the general public about crime victims' rights and
4 services. The public awareness campaign shall be planned, designed
5 and implemented by the Office of Victim Services in conjunction with
6 representatives of the Connecticut Sexual Assault Crisis Services, Inc.,
7 Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Mothers Against
8 Drunk Driving and Survivors of Homicide.

9 (b) The Office of Victim Services shall contract with Connecticut
10 Sexual Assault Crisis Services, Inc., the Connecticut Coalition Against
11 Domestic Violence, Mothers Against Drunk Driving and Survivors of
12 Homicide for outreach purposes. Such outreach shall promote
13 community safety by providing education and information about
14 crime victims' services and rights to members of the general public.

15 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2002*) The sum of three hundred thousand

16 dollars is appropriated to the Office of Victim Services, from the
17 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, one hundred
18 fifty thousand dollars of which shall be used by such office to carry out
19 the purposes of section 1 of this act, and one hundred fifty thousand
20 dollars of which shall be used by such office to make grants of sixty
21 thousand dollars each to Mothers Against Drunk Driving and
22 Survivors of Homicide and grants of fifteen thousand dollars each to
23 Connecticut Sexual Assault Crisis Services, Inc., and the Connecticut
24 Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Such appropriation shall be used
25 to supplement and not supplant existing funding.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2002</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a state-wide public awareness campaign about crime victim's rights.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]